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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CHIEF BTHELEZI AND HIS LIEUTENANTS
REF: PRETORIA 676 AND FUGIT-CRUMP TELCON MARCH 25

1. MATERIAL REQUESTED REFTEL BEING POUCHED TO CONSULATE.

2. IN REGARD TO YOUR REQUESTFOR INFO ABOUT FELGATE'S COMPLAINTS, FELGATE EXPRESSED GENERAL CONCERN THAT CHIEF BUTHELEZI'S RELATIONS WITH CONGEN STAFF HAD NOT BEEN AS CLOSE AS THEY ONCE WERE. HE MENTIONED NO SPECIFICS. FELGATE APPEARED VERY SUSPICIOUS IN GENERAL OF VIEWS AND MOTIVES OF USG.

3. FELGATE AND THULA APPEARED TO BELIEVE THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT RESPONSIVE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS THEY REQUESTED DURING RECENT VISIT. THEY SAW THIS AS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE US HAD DECIDED TO TREAT BUTHELEZI LIKE QUOTE JUST ANOTHER HOMELANDS LEADER. UNQUOTE.

4. IN FACT, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DID MAKE A NUMBER

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OF CONTACTS FOR FELGATE AND THULA, AND WERE PREPARED TO MAKE FIRM APPOINTMENTS FOR THEM IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, FELGATE AND THULA NEVER SUPPLIED DEPARTMENT WITH DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, EVEN AFTER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REQUESTED IT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FELGATE AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, WAS UNABLE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS. WE DID ARRANGE SOME CALLS IN NEW YORK, BUT NOT ON NON-AMERICANS AT THE UN, AS WE BELIEVED IT WAS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BUTHELEZI OR US THAT WE SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY. WE DID INFORM THEM THAT A USUN OFFICER WAS EXPECTING THEM AND WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH WHAT ASSISTANCE WAS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT CALL AT USUN.

5. IN MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, FELGATE DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE DEGREE ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IT MAY BE THAT HIS VIEWS ARE INFLUENCING BUTHELEZI IN THIS REGARD. DURBAN WILL WANT TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION.

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